

in expressing gratitude to the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County for its dedication to improving the economic, political and social standing of our community members.

DR. BRUCE WEINER

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2018*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a fellow Tampanian, Bruce Weiner, on his tenure as the national president of the prestigious American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) and honor his commitment to safe, quality anesthesia care for my neighbors and patients nationwide.

Bruce received his bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of Delaware, a master's degree in Nurse Anesthesiology from the Medical College of Virginia and a Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of South Florida in our hometown of Tampa. He has long been an active advocate for nurse anesthetists and the patients they serve. He has shared his expertise and passion by serving on professional associations in many capacities at the state and national levels, while continuing to provide clinical anesthesia services in Tampa Bay. Bruce participated as a guest lecturer at the University of South Florida, and as a clinical instructor at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa and served on AANA's Board of Directors.

During his AANA presidency, Bruce has been a prominent advocate for patients and the practice of nurse anesthesia before federal agencies and members of Congress. He has worked efficiently to promote anesthesia patient safety and the value of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) to our health care system, especially when it comes to dealing with chronic pain and the opioid crisis. Bruce has worked to have CRNAs recognized as full practice providers in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) to maintain provider non-discrimination and to achieve full scope of practice for CRNAs.

On behalf of the citizens of Florida, my neighbors across Tampa Bay and CRNAs everywhere, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bruce Weiner for 34 years of service facilitating access to care to all patients.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2018*

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, due to personal reasons, I was not able to vote on Friday, September 28th. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 413; NAY on Roll Call No. 414; and YEA on Roll Call No. 415.

#### TAIWAN'S 107TH NATIONAL DAY

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2018*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish all Taiwanese Americans and the people of Taiwan a very happy 107th National Day.

Taiwan is an extraordinary friend of the United States, and it is important that we continue to build upon our critical partnership economically, culturally, and politically. The United States is lucky to have an ally in Asia to further promote peace and stability in the region, and to serve as a strong example of democracy. Taiwan is also the United States' 11th largest trading partner and has imported \$3.57 billion in food and agricultural products.

The state of California has deep and ever-growing ties with Taiwan. California exports over \$7 billion worth of goods to Taiwan, which serves as its 5th largest export market in the world. The Greater Los Angeles region represents the largest Taiwanese community in the United States, and many have gone on to settle in the San Gabriel Valley providing our local communities with new traditions, employment opportunities, and economic growth.

With continued commitment to this important relationship, I am happy to recognize Taiwan's 107th National Day and look forward to our many years of prosperous relations.

#### DEDICATION OF THE MONUMENT TO HONOR TRAMMEL'S TRACE, THE FIRST ROAD TO TEXAS

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2018*

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, the following certificate of congressional recognition is presented to the Stone Fort Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas October 2, 2018:

Upon the dedication of the monument to honor Trammel's Trace, the First Road to Texas, upon whose path, such notable Texans as Sam Houston, Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett traveled into Nacogdoches and on to the battles of the Revolution; and in further recognition of its historic significance as a route which brought many to settle this great and untamed territory along the Red and Sabine Rivers, all while promoting trade and commerce along its well-travelled path, thereby paving the way for the establishment of the Great Republic of Texas.

Presented on this 2nd day of October in the year of our Lord 2018.

#### IN HONOR OF THE PROMOTION OF COMMANDER JOHN MCCARTHY TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2018*

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John McCarthy as he is promoted

to Captain in the United States Coast Guard. Captain McCarthy graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1997, and after two years of service aboard USCGC *FORWARD*, he received orders to flight school where he trained to be an HU-25 Falcon pilot. After four years of service, Captain McCarthy reported to Air Station Washington, D.C. as the Operations Officer. Following two years of service as the Military Aide to the President of the United States, Captain McCarthy served at Coast Guard Headquarters within the Office of Budget and Programs. In 2014, Captain McCarthy returned to the Aviation Community as Executive Officer of Air Station Washington, D.C., and in 2017, I had the pleasure of welcoming him to my staff as a Legislative Fellow. During his time in my office, he has been a tremendous asset to our legislative team, and has represented the best of the USCG. I congratulate Captain McCarthy on his promotion within the United States Coast Guard and thank him for his twenty-plus years of service to our nation. This significant achievement distinguishes him as among the United States Coast Guard's most trusted and capable senior leaders.

#### RECOGNITION OF TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2018*

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Taiwan's National Independence Day, Double Ten Day. On October 10th, Taiwan celebrates the 107th anniversary of the Republic of China. In the face of heightening regional tensions, the bond between the United States and Taiwan must remain strong. On the occasion of Taiwan's National Day, I want to congratulate the people of Taiwan on this important anniversary and express the sincere commitment of our nation and this body to the bilateral relationship.

Through commerce, our military partnership, and the ties between our citizens, the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) have built an alliance which I am confident can withstand any future threats, and to which I know the Trump administration is committed to preserving. I also want to take this moment to commend the Americans serving in the American Institute in Taiwan for their patriotism and hard work advancing this relationship.

Furthermore, Beijing's attempts to undermine Taiwan's participation in international fora, its bullying of private airlines over recognition of Taiwan's government, and its disruption of Taiwan's diplomatic ties should not go unmentioned. I believe the current administration has responded appropriately and that Washington will continue to make its views known.

From its beginnings with the overthrow of imperial rule, to its embrace of a vibrant democracy today, the Republic of China (Taiwan) shares a bond with the United States founded on common principles. As Taiwan celebrates Double Ten Day, I extend my best wishes and congratulate the Taiwanese people for all they have achieved.